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OKLAHOMA CITY, MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1916.

PEACE WILL NOT STOP PROSPERITY MORRIS ASSERTS

Packinghouse Profits in 1915 Gain Gratifyingly, He Says.

IMPROVE LOCAL PLANT WHENEVER NEED APPEARS

Young Financier to Dine 175 Employees After He Inspects Property.

No immediate extensions or improvements are contemplated by the management of the Morris & Co. for their \$1,000,000 plant in Oklahoma City, according to Nelson Morris, one of the newest financiers in the United States and chairman of the board of directors of Morris & Co., packing, who was in Oklahoma City Monday in company with C. M. McFarlane, vice president and treasurer of the concern.

Mr. Morris was seen at the Lee-Hucks hotel just before he started for the inspection of the local plant in company with Mr. McFarlane.

"I don't think the plant needs any improvements, but whenever they are needed, assuredly they will be made. While our company made what we consider good profits last year, the young financiers when questioned about the status of the meat packing industry, 'they might not be considered good in other businesses.'

Substantial Increase.

"Our profits in 1915 totaled 7.31 percent on our net investment. In other businesses than the margin of profit would be considered extremely small, but it is greater than we have enjoyed ever since and we believe that the present year will show a substantial increase. Everybody shows a substantial increase. Everybody eats meat and the patronage of packing houses, meat markets just as surely as bank clearing, the presence or absence of prosperity in this country."

Mr. Morris declared the seasons of last winter did not inflict damage to the cattle of this section, but added that the late rains in Texas had destroyed a number of sheep. He expressed belief that the livestock men of the west went through the winter of 1915 with much less loss than in the preceding winter.

Peace No Drawback.

"I do not believe a sudden cessation of the European war would do more than half temporarily and in a very slight degree, the increasing prosperity of America," he replied in answer to a question. "I have no doubt that the war was responsible for starting the present remarkable state of industry, but I think our prosperity is greater like the course of a snowball down hill—it was given its initial impetus by external force, but should that force be withdrawn it would not stop the snowball, which would continue rolling on gathering speed and substance as it went."

Mr. Morris spent the greater part of the morning at the Morris packing plant Monday night at the Lee-Hucks more than one hundred and seventy-five employees of the plant and executives will be the guests of their "boss" at a banquet.

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PRICE OF BIBLES HAS DOUBLED ACCOUNT OF HIGH COST OF PAPER

NEW YORK, April 17.—The price of Bibles has increased and probably will advance still further because of the war. Statements issued by the religious publication society show that the expense of publishing prayer books, hymnals and other religious volumes is so much larger than heretofore that buyers have been obliged to pay nearly double the prices of last year. This is due mainly to the advance in the cost of paper, ink, leather and glue.

The American Bible Society announces that the stock of Bibles in European languages imported from Germany prior to the beginning of the war is now approaching exhaustion and the society does not know which can be replaced.

The Methodist book concern says its bills for white paper will increase this year \$120,000.

ONE MOOSE GETS \$100 FINE, SIXTY DAYS' JAIL TERM

C. S. Steele Asks for Immediate Sentence; Others Up Wednesday Morning.

Charles S. Steele, convicted in the county court Saturday on a charge of maintaining a house joint at the Moose Lodge rooms, was sentenced Monday noon by Judge W. H. Zwick to serve sixty days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$100. Steele and six others were convicted by the jury. The verdict was announced about 5 o'clock Saturday night.

That Steele wanted to return to Waco, Okla., where he is said to own a restaurant, was the reason given for asking the court to pass sentence Monday night. Judge Zwick announced Saturday night that he could reschedule sentence upon conviction.

Charles M. Sawyer, chairman of the board of directors, was also requested to go but will be unable to do so because of important business which he will have to attend on the date of the execution.

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To Represent Bank.

Mr. Fleming is vice president of the Kansas City Life Insurance company, but will accompany the excursion only in his capacity as director of the federal reserve bank.

The Sunday school class of Dr. F. H. King, pastor of the First United Brethren church, Tenth and Franklin, has practically raised enough money to purchase a reservation for the minister on the excursion, according to a letter received Monday from J. W. Danford, local manager of the branch office of the L. C. Smith Typewriter company, by W. V. Hardie, secretary of the Oklahoma City Traffic association, who has in charge arrangements for the trip.

The class consists of forty-seven young men and women, who are sharing the expenses of the reservation among themselves. It is thought that this is the first time since the chamber of commerce established the excursion that any local Sunday school class has paid the expenses of its teacher for the trip.

These Who Are Going.

Mr. Hardie had made reservations up to Monday morning for the following:

Arme Milling company, Alexander Drug company, American Steel and Wire company, Arnett, Eustis, (K. C. Life Insurance company), Ash Grove Lime and Portland Cement company.

Bartels Seed company, Baltimore Investment company, Bishop, Norman, (Star Union Lines), Buick Motor company, Buxton & Guthrie, Drs.

Carhart Motor company, C. W. Clark (electric railroad), Fred C. Clarke (Acton Fire Insurance company), M. L. Crowther (Oklahoma Farmer), Crystal Ice Cream company, Cumberland Gap Dispatches, G. A. Gibson, Curtis Booth & Beale.

The Daily Oklahoman, John Deere Plow company, Dewey Portland Cement company, J. C. Dulany, (Sun Gas Off. of London).

Eagle Serum company.

Federal Reserve Bank, Ford Motor company, Herbert Francis, (The Pub. Press), Fredericks-Kroh Music company.

A. V. Hancock, (S. W. General Electric

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U-BOATS EXACT FURTHER TOLL

LONDON, April 17.—The sinking of a neutral ship and a British steamer was reported by Lloyd's Monday. The Norwegian ship Giemdon was sunk by gunfire. The last British steamer was the Harrovian, 1,320 tons gross, was built in 1914 for a London company and sailed April 3 from New York for Hayre.

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REGIONAL BANKER RESERVES PLACE ON TRADE JUNKET

F. W. Fleming, Vice Chairman of Board, to Accompany Okla. City Folk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BUYS TRIP FOR LEADER

Secretary Hardie's List Begins to Assume Nice Proportions.

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